



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the June 24, 2024 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Heidi DeSchepper – Library Board
- Kyla Ward – Library Board
- Rosetta Ballew-Jennings – Library Board
- Dash Farr – Landmark Commission

No board or commission nominations were denied or postponed.

Summarized City Council Actions

Following is an explanation of select items that were taken up by the City Council:

3405 South Belt Highway Conditional Use Permit (Item #4 Bill #880-22): The City Council approved the issuance of a conditional use permit allowing for construction and operation of an incinerator at 3405 South Belt Highway in conjunction with the relocation of the St. Joseph Animal Shelter. The application was previously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Landfill Equipment Repair (Item #11 Bill #878-22): The City Council authorized an agreement with Foley Equipment Company for the repair of a 2019 Caterpillar 836K Trash Compactor at the St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill. The compactor experienced a catastrophic engine failure, rendering it inoperable. The compactor is pivotal in optimizing airspace utilization through maximum compaction.

University Hills Plat 3 Preliminary Plat Approval (Item #12 Bill #879-22): The City Council approved the preliminary plat entitled University Hills Plat 3, consisting of five lots and one detention area created from property at 5320 Faraon Street and 5412 Faraon Street. The preliminary plan requires sidewalks to be constructed along the private street frontage as the properties develop.

West Broadway Street Spillway Project (Item #14 Bill #882-22): The City Council authorized construction of the West Broadway Street Spillway Project by Auxier Construction Company. A permanent concrete drainage culvert will be constructed to allow the northern portion of the Riverfront Master Plan area to drain more rapidly to the Missouri River, reducing clean-up time and making the clean-up effort safer following a flood event.

ARPA Neighborhood Clean Up Projects (Items #17-20): The City Council approved St. Joseph Urban Homestead Neighborhood Revitalization agreements with four established neighborhood associations/groups to undertake clean-up projects in the following areas:

- 717 Edmond Street – Main Street St. Joseph has undertaken several community downtown revitalization projects. The organization plans to improve the alleyway behind Missouri Theater. The improvements will include purchase and installation of lighting, shade sails, and painted elements.
- 1719 Faraon Street – Harris Kemper Historic District plans to emphasize the importance of green space connectivity to the well-being of the community. Plans for use of funding include the purchase and installation of a sprinkler system, sculpture, mural(s), and landscape improvements to the Harris Kemper Butterfly Garden.
- Old Town North Neighborhood Association – Old Town North Neighborhood Association plans to design and install banners with the Old Town North logo on poles throughout the neighborhood. The organization also plans to install trash receptacles and make improvements to Killackey Hall Street Park at 708 Hall Street (including the installation of water service, plantings, and repairs to the masonry wall and steps).
- Museum Hill Historic District – The Museum Hill Historic District plans to use funding to install informational signage at thirty-seven properties in the neighborhood, giving the name and history of the property. The organization will also make improvements to the grounds of the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, including landscaping, plantings, and additions to the community garden on site.

City Council Meeting Cancellation (Item #21 Bill #885-22): The City Council approved cancellation of the regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Joseph City Council on September 16, 2024. Multiple Councilmembers and City staff members will be attending the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Service Contract (Item #25 Bill #889-22): The City Council authorized the execution of an agreement with SAK Construction, LLC for sanitary services using cured-in-pipe (CIPP) at various locations throughout the City. CIPP repairs aging, defective sewer mains that are still structurally intact by lining the pipe internally. CIPP is an alternative to open-cut construction, which involves digging existing pipe out and replacing it, often causing significant damage to streets. Lining existing sanitary sewer lines using CIPP is less expensive, causes less disruption of traffic, and prolongs the life of the sewer line as if it were traditionally replaced.

2921 Huntoon Road Repairs (Item #26 Bill #890-22): The City Council authorized an agreement with Sprague Excavating Co., Inc. to stabilize the roadway shoulder along Huntoon Road. Rain events and snow runoff have caused the ditch bank along the shoulder of Huntoon Road to erode. The erosion has become more proximate to the road's edge, creating risk of damage to the roadway. Gabion baskets and rip rap will be placed, and the drainage ditch will be relocated to help shore up the banks, preventing further erosion and helping protect the roadway surface from future damage.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

Civic Arena Mural Proposal: The Parks Department has been asked to consider the placement of a 12' x 24' nature scene mural on Civic Arena. The mural would be created out of individual artistic tiles that come together to create the larger scene. Proponents have asked that we point out to you the following:

- The image is a landscape that could bring tourism to our town (over 2,000 people will be contributing to it).
- At least 60 local artists will participate in the project.
- Landscapes do not go out of style.
- It may be able to be relocated after 2 years.
- It will be visible from the parking garage and by those visiting Inspire U/Children's Discovery Center
- The mural will add color to the wall.

Staff has preliminarily declined the mural based upon the City Council's recent decision to avoid including mural scenes in the exterior design for Civic Arena. Additionally, the proposed mountainous nature scene does not have a readily apparent relation to Civic Arena.

Availability of Offender Labor: The Parks Department and Street Maintenance Division use offender labor under a contract with the Western Reception Diagnostic Correctional Center for minor maintenance activities in public spaces. During this time of year, much of that work is focused on weed trimming and other detailed maintenance activities. That labor has not been available for the last few weeks and the information we are receiving indicates it may not be available for a few more weeks. As a result of the suspension of the program, some maintenance efforts have suffered with trimming, in particular, falling behind regular schedule.